

**Amendment and Response
under 37 C.F.R § 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group Art Unit 1656**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Maria FOTI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1656

Application No.: 10/530,658

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding final Office Action dated October 1, 2008, please amend the application as shown on the following pages. The period for response is extended two (2) months, from January 1, 2009, to March 1, 2009, with payment of the appropriate fees.

- I. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2;
- II. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 8;
- III. Remarks begin on page 12; and
- IV. Conclusion begins on page 18.